

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheets," which include Figures 1A-8, 11-21D and 23A-24, replace the original sheets including Figures 1A-8, 11-21D, 23A-24.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets 1/28–6/28, 9/28-17/28, and 19/28-28/28

REMARKS

Claims 5-14 are now pending in the application with Claims 1-4 and 15-21 being cancelled herein. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities. Applicants have attached revised drawings for the Examiner's approval.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 5-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claim 5 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Claims 5-14 should now be in condition for allowance.

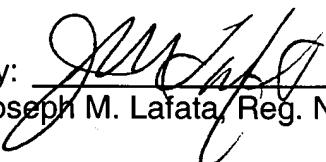
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office

Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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